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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION A SAIGON IMMEDIATE DTG 06 MAY 73 FROM
CAN THO RPT TO URSA

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E. O. 11652: AGDS DECLASSIFY MAY 30, 1973.

TAGS: MARR, VS, CA, HU, ID, PL

SUBJECT: ICCS HELICOPTER RECEIVED GROUND FIRE NEAR VI THANH

1. AT 0945, MAY 5, AN ICCS COURIER HELICOPTER ON A ROUTINE FLIGHT FROM TRI TON TO VI THANH RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE AT APPROXIMATELY WR 4886. THE AIRCRAFT WAS UNDAMAGED AND THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES. ACCORDING TO THE FLIGHT CREW, THE AIRCRAFT WAS ABOUT TWO MINUTES FROM VI THANH WHEN IT DESCENDED FROM THREE THOUSAND FEET TO SEVEN HUNDRED FEET IN ORDER TO BETTER OBSERVE THE TERRAIN WHICH WAS OBSCURED BY A RAIN SQUALL. TWO LONG BURSTS OF WHAT THE AIR CREW DESCRIBED AS " SMALL ARMS FIRE, POSSIBLY AK-47" WERE HEARD TO PASS BEHIND THE AIRCRAFT. THE PILOT TOOK EVASIVE ACTION AND LANDED SAFELY AT THE VI THANH HELICOPTER PAD.

2. ABOARD THE FLIGHT WERE FOUR POLISH INTERPRETERS, ONE
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HUNGARIAN, ONE CANADIAN, ONE INDONESIAN AND THREE CREW
MEMBERS. REGION VII ICCS WILL CONDUCT A FORMAL INTERVIEW
WITH THE CREW MEMBERS MAY 7, AND WILL REGISTER A PROTEST WITH
ICCS SAIGON.

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